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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave. S.W., Room 603-H
Washington, DC 20201

VIA FACSIMILE: 202-205-2135

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

I write today on behalf of my concerned constituents in Connecticut. We are not only experiencing shortages with the seasonal flu vaccine but we are also not seeing distribution of the H1N1 flu vaccine.

On October 7, 2009, I hosted a H1N1 forum. The purpose was to present information from state and local experts and allow the public to learn and ask questions about the pandemic.

Many attendees positively commented about the objective information, which will help them make decisions that are best for them and their families. The biggest question was when will the H1N1 vaccine be available here in CT.

Can you advise when we will start seeing distribution of the H1N1 vaccine here in CT and when we may see more doses of the seasonal flu in the area as well? We need to quickly inoculate those most at risk.

I am sure that the Health and Human Services Department along with your other partners are diligently working on this. I appreciate the massive effort that it takes to offer vaccines to our entire nation.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Duff".

Bob Duff
Connecticut Senate